

Skill Bank Form 2017

There are many opportunities within the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ to serve the wider church. Please use this form to indicate how you might be interested in participating. You may respond by checking areas where you have interest in serving. A full term is for two (2) years and persons may be elected to no more than three (3) consecutive full terms.

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Congregation/Location _____

Occupation _____ Retired _____

I would like to be considered for service:

_____ In the Minnesota Conference

_____ As a delegate to General Synod

_____ In the national setting of the UCC

The following is helpful, especially when considering nominees for national church positions:

Racial/Ethnic Background _____

Special Needs _____

Please check the following categories that apply to you:

_____ Under 30

_____ 31-45

_____ 46-60

_____ 61+

_____ Clergy

_____ Lay

_____ Male

_____ Female

Are there specific areas that interest you? Please check all that apply:

_____ Annual Meeting Planning

_____ Antiracism Team

_____ Board of Directors

_____ Committee on Ministry

_____ CUE (Chicago/United/Eden Seminaries)

_____ Development Committee

_____ Disaster Ministries

_____ Ecumenical Appointments

_____ Faith Formation for Children & Youth

_____ Finance Committee

_____ Global Partnerships Team

_____ Immigration Team

_____ Justice and Witness

_____ Nominating Work Group

_____ Open and Affirming

_____ Pilgrim Point Camps Committee

_____ Professional Development

_____ Subcommittee

_____ Vitality Team

Is there someone you know who might be interested in serving the wider church?

Name _____ Church _____

Contact info _____

Area(s) of interest _____

Annual Meeting Planning Work Group: The duties of this group include overseeing all matters related to planning all Annual Meetings.

Antiracism Team: This team communicates and enacts the goals of antiracist, multiracial, multicultural transformation within all parts of the Conference.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors has the usual powers and duties of the Board of Directors of a corporation organized under the non-profit corporation law of the State of Minnesota. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Conference between Annual Meetings.

Committee on Ministry: This committee recommends to the Conference standing for churches, ordaining and commissioning ministers, and receiving ministers of other denominations by Privilege of Call. It seeks to maintain relationships with persons authorized for ministry and Local Churches holding standing in the Conference.

CUE Seminaries Team: This team supports the relationship of the MN Conference with Chicago Theological Seminary, United Theological Seminary, and Eden Theological Seminary and the other mid-America Conferences by promoting theological education and by supporting fundraising efforts in support of the annual operating budgets of the seminaries through CUE. This team meets by telephone or video conference only 2 – 3 times per year.

Development Committee: This committee promotes the financial development of the Conference (e.g. OCWM, Annual Fund, PPC giving, etc.) by developing fundraising strategies and assisting staff with such tasks as event organizing and written/verbal thanks you's to churches and donors.

Disaster Ministries: Providing disaster preparedness information to congregations and mobilizing disaster response as needed in the Conference.

Ecumenical Appointments: The MN Conference is committed to relating to and working with other churches and faiths, and values ecumenical expressions of ministry. In our covenant to work together and relate to other churches, ecumenical relationships are vital. Participation with other denominations in councils and conferences, activities and agencies is part of our life as "United and Uniting" Christians. Examples would be Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, Council of Churches, United Theological Seminary.

Faith Formation for Children and Youth: This team provides leadership to the development and implementation of faith formation programming with children and youth.

Finance Committee: This committee promotes and preserves the financial integrity of the Conference. Its duties include: recommending financial policies to the Board of Directors, preparing and monitoring the Conference budget, making and monitoring investments, monitoring risk and obtaining insurance and managing funds and property.

General Synod Delegates: The Conference sends 19 delegates to each General Synod, divided into two classes, with equal numbers clergy female, clergy male, lay female and lay male. For each delegate, an alternate is selected that closely matches the demographics of the paired delegate.

Global Partnerships Team: This Team works to keep alive within the Conference the global perspective of the Gospel through the development and maintenance of partnerships with Christian groups in other nations. Of particular importance is the long-standing partnership our Conference has with the Southeast Mindanao district of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

Immigration Team: This Team educates congregations in the Conference about immigration policies, offering a Biblical and theological lens through which to understand the issue and providing opportunities for congregations to engage in effective witness on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Justice and Witness Team: This Team seeks to provide a Biblical understanding of prophetic ministry and to equip congregations in the Conference with the knowledge and skills necessary to shape social policies in keeping with God's vision of a just and loving society. The Team educates Conference churches on matters of peace and justice, encourages advocacy, serves as a resource to churches and other groups in the Conference, promotes the Justice and Witness offering and receives and responds to requests for grants or loans from this offering.

Nominating Work Group: This group makes nominations for positions to be elected by the Annual Meeting and nominations for positions to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Open and Affirming Team: This Team provides leadership being an Open and Affirming (ONA) Conference. The Team nourishes and provides resources to existing ONA churches in the Conference and seeks to increase the number of local churches of the Conference who wish to become ONA. In covenant with the MN Chapter of the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns, the team advocates for justice for LGBT persons in religious and secular arenas.

Personnel Committee: This committee is responsible for human resource matters through recommending personnel policies to the Board of Directors, assisting in development of position descriptions, recommending staff compensation to the Finance Committee, and ensuring that performance reviews are conducted.

Pilgrim Point Camp Committee: This committee plans, coordinates and evaluates the overall program of Pilgrim Point Camp, recommends policies regarding PPC to the Board of Directors, provides policy recommendations to the Finance Committee on the budget, risk management and property issues, to the Development Committee identifying needs and preparing case statements for fundraising, and to the Personnel Committee regarding human resource issues.

Professional Development: This Subcommittee supports and assists authorized ministers in pursuit of excellence in ministry by encouraging their professional, personal, and spiritual development, and encourages all churches in the Conference, as well as institutions in Minnesota that employ UCC clergy, to be committed partners for professional excellence.

Vitality Team: This team strengthens, inspires and revitalizes congregations of the Minnesota Conference UCC. We believe that every church can be a vital church.